

canadian camping

R_x FOR A HAPPY CAMPER



I have come to describe to you Camp Utopia --- the happy camp for the happy child. I am, I think, a realist and although everything that I suggest cannot possibly apply to every camp, much will apply to most. I must tell you at the outset that I do not believe in too much permissiveness, comfort or indulgence, but I do believe that research in the behavioral sciences has shown us that a regimented, authoritarian and punitive setting is not good either.

I must begin long before any campers, staff, facilities or programmes are in existence. The Camp Management must be clear and comfortable with its purposes and philosophy. It must be explicit as to its values -- upon these things rests the selection of everything else. I am sure that you will tell me that you agree; that this is obvious; that you have all this in your camp. If you do you are unusual,

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President Emeritus



The Executive and Board of Directors of the Canadian Camping Association are happy to announce the appointment of Mr. F.M. Van Wagner as President Emeritus of the Canadian Camping Association

Mr. Van Wagner's letter in response to a letter from Mr. Jack Pearse, the President of C.C.A. is reproduced below.

Mr. F.M. Van Wagner was President of the Canadian Camping Association from 1958 to 1961, and was made an Honourary Member in 1974. He shared in the founding of the C.C.A. in 1936 and is one of its Charter Members. The next year he organized the Quebec Camping Association, English Section and became its first President.

Mr. 'Van' Wagner was born in Hyde Park, New York. His childhood, spent on a farm, gave him a permanent and enthusiastic interest in outdoor living and led to a career in physical education. In 1925, because of his interest in camping, he established Camp Nomingue, a boys' camp situated on Petit Lac Nomingue in the Laurentians.

Through his teaching and example Mr. 'Van' has been a major influence on the lives of thousands of young people, with whom he has shared his knowledge and skills. Among the many honours he has received is the Award of Merit from the ACQ-QCA Provincial Board and the Centennial Medal, conferred in Canada's Centenary year in recognition of his valuable service to youth and camping in the nation.

Dear Jack,

I have today received your most kind invitation to become President Emeritus of the Canadian camping association. Nothing could give me more pleasure than than to humbly accept this great honor.

To have had the privilege of serving in a small way, for over half a century, the movement of organized camping in Canada has brought its own reward.

To you the executive and members of the Canadian Camping association my gratitude and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

most sincerely,

F.M. 'Van' Wagner

Editorial

Youth has always wanted to explore the unknown, to have thrills which come from risk taking; the chance to try their abilities against the impossible.

Wilderness canoe tripping provides young people with these opportunities. Organized camping has provided them with basic knowledge and skills in living and travelling in wilderness areas and always made an effort to insure that trips are staffed by highly qualified, well trained and mature leaders. Many camps have set up base camps from which their older more experienced campers may take off. Time is taken at the base camp to rehearse the skills which will be needed. The trip plan is checked; the maps of the route are studied; emergency procedures reviewed, food and equipment are checked.

The particular risks and danger should be identified as far as is possible. This information is added to the knowledge which the trippers should have about the water, the wind, the terrain, providing shelter and maintaining health and safety.

The tragedy at the beginning of the wilderness trip attempted recently in Quebec brought camping people up short. We have become somewhat complacent during the past ten or twelve years assuming our performance standards are satisfactory and well known to all camp people to the point where they will protect all of us. A review of this incident indicates this is not so. Even government regulations are not broadly known nor publicized well enough.

In the 1920s a camp in Southern Ontario had a similar experience at Balsam Lake. Out of that came the slogan "Hang on to the canoe -- for three days and three nights". It was also the spur to camp people to establish standard strokes. Let us use this latest disaster to review our practices, procedures and training for wilderness travel.

A starting point might be to identify the risks in adventure tripping. If we know what we are up against we can then judge what we have to do to reduce or eliminate them. The Canadian Camping Association could use this information to set standards and Governments could base their travel regulations on them.

We have a responsibility to young people to help provide the knowledge, skills and attitudes about wilderness travel which will make it possible for them to explore and experience great adventures in this their homeland. Such travel will never be "safe". There will always be hardship, rough going, maybe even occasions when they have to fight to survive. But should we have it otherwise?

GO EAST..... OLD MAN

by jack pearse

Air Canada was very kind to issue an air pass so that I could visit with camping folk in Eastern Canada.

My tour began in St. John's, Newfoundland, with the C.C.A. Board meeting. ELIZABETH WEGENAST, the current President and BARB TAYLOR, the Past-President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Camping Association did a marvelous job of organizing our meeting as well as a Conference at Burry Heights Camp which they labelled "An inning and an outing". The "inning" consisted of a session on how to set up a year-round outdoor education centre. JANE McCUTCHEON, our C.C.A. Secretary and GEORGE SIMONETT, the Treasurer, joined with me in conducting this session. The "outing" was a series of hikes away from Camp to look at the terrain, study the rocks and search out some edible wild. A great day! It was particularly exciting to meet at Burry Heights Camp because that is where the N.L.C.A. had its very first meeting in the late spring of 1969.

In addition to ELIZABETH WEGENAST, we welcomed other new Board members to the Board meeting -- SHANLEY PARKINSON, Manitoba's President; LAVERNE JANTZ, Saskatchewan's President; STAN TALESNICK, representing Ontario. We had some special guests -- KEN WILLIS AND RENE ROUSEAU, Presidents of the two Quebec Sections and C.C.A. Past-President, JOHN LATIMER. They were joined by the C.C.A. Executive, Nova Scotia's GEORGE MATTHEWS, New Brunswick's BOB CAMERON, Alberta's LOU LANIER, ROSAIRE CORBIN of the French language Committee, BARB TAYLOR and KARL BENNE from Recreation Canada.

At lot of items were covered in the Board Agenda beginning with a nation wide request for all Camps to submit statistics for our use with the Immigration Department, for the national promotion of Camping by DEREK WALSH and the P.R. Committee and for a C.C.A. National Directory which will be assembled by GEORGE MATTHEWS and the N.S.C.A. C.C.A. Past-President, DOUG MCEWEN, is working at the revision of our Constitution which hasn't happened since STAN WILD did it in 1971.

The Winter Woodmanship Pilot School takes place from February 8th to 12th at Camp Kandalore and we are pleased to get that project underway. KIRK WIPPER and the Woodsmanship Committee have just about completed the Woodsmanship Leaders' Guide which is being translated by ROSAIRE CORBIN and, at long last, we are printing certificates for successful candidates from our Woodsmanship Schools. Our Com-

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mittee on Liaison with National Agencies, under the able guidance of LARRY BAGNELL, is planning a get-together in the New Year of National Agency representatives to discuss mutual interests and concerns in camping. JOHN LATIMER attended the Board meeting and, as Chairman of National and International Conferences Committee, urged us in his dynamically, enthusiastic way to support the International Convention in Minneapolis which is being jointly sponsored by the C.C.A. and the A.C.A. JOHN has been asked to be guest speaker at the closing banquet of the Convention and we are very proud of him. The Convention takes place from February 19 to 24, 1979.

Our National Office is moving sometime before the 31st of March to 1806 Avenue Road in Toronto. We will continue to share with the Ontario Camping Association. JEAN FUNK has her Leadership Training Committee alive and flourishing. In January, they expect to complete a model for C.I.T. and Counsellor Training which could be used by Provincial Associations and individual camps.

Those lucky students in the schools of Regina are going to have Vice-President EILEEN MAYOTTE in their Counselling Department full-time and what a job she will do for them. Unfortunately, this means that EILEEN has had to relinquish her C.C.A. Executive Post. In the 10 years she has been involved in the National Camping scene, no one has given greater service or dedication to Canada's campers. She has truly been our "First Lady" and thousands of campers and camp leaders are eternally grateful to you ---- EILEEN MAYOTTE.

The Board has submitted to the Federal Government our requests for their financial support of our programs and projects for 1979-80. Our submission totals more than \$86,000.00 and we have our fingers crossed that Fitness and Amateur Sport will be able to contribute to that extent so that we can continue our work.

On January 25th the C.C.A. Executive will be in Banff to meet with all our Alberta Camping friends and we are really looking forward to that great event.

At the conclusion of the Board meeting, BARB TAYLOR took us on a tour of the Avalon peninsula and Cape Spear which is as far east as an old man can go and still be in Canada. Then I headed for Halifax where I was met by GEORGE MATTHEWS whose wife MARGARET, had prepared a delectable dinner of scallops which we enjoyed with the Matthews' fine family. The following evening, there was a meeting of the N.S.C.A. people and we were treated to a great program --- a super dinner at the Citadel Inn, coloured slides of Nova Scotia Camps, a rousing sing song and good fellowship. I was particularly pleased to have visits with two N.S.C.A. Past-Presidents DAVID BOSTON and TOM CREIGHTON. The N.S.C.A. has produced an excellent camp song book

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Convention Headquarters

Radisson Hotel Downtown, Minneapolis, MN

Special Convention Room Rates

All Singles:	\$26.00
All Twins:	\$34.00
All Doubles:	\$34.00

Registration Fee

Member full-time registration will be approximately \$100. This will include all convention activities Wednesday, February 21 through Friday, February 23.

CONVENTION WEEK TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

Feb. 18-21

Kindred Group Meetings announced as of 7/1/78:

Feb. 18-21	The Salvation Army
Feb. 19-20	Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Feb. 19-20	National Catholic Camping
Feb. 19-21	Girl Scouts of the USA
Feb. 19-21	Private Independent Camps
Feb. 19-21	YMCA
Feb. 20-21	United Methodist Camp Leaders
Feb. 20-21	Handicapped Campers of America

Feb. 18-21

Recertification seminar for ACA Certified Camp Directors.

Feb. 19, 20, 22, 23

Managerial courses leading to ACA Certified Camp Director (CCD) status. All four Managerial Workshops are scheduled to be offered in conjunction with the 1979 National Convention in Minneapolis, two prior to the convention and two during the 1979 convention.

Feb. 19	Health Service Management
Feb. 20	Food Service Management
Feb. 22	Business Management (Seminar)
Feb. 23	Site and Facility (Seminar)

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Convention opens

10:00 a.m.	Exhibits open
2:00 p.m.	Opening General Session
3:30 p.m.	Workshops, Interest Sessions
8:00 p.m.	ACA Endowment Fund Benefit Program

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Thursday, Feb. 22

7:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast Session
8:30 a.m.	General Session—Keynote Speaker
9:30 a.m.	Exhibits open
9:30 a.m.	Interest Sessions, Tours, Seminars
10:45 a.m.	Interest Sessions
2:00 p.m.	Seminars continued, Workshops, Interest Sessions, Tours
4:00 p.m.	Open Hearing for Council of Delegates Meeting
Evening	On the town

Friday, Feb. 23

7:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast Session
8:30 a.m.	General Session—Keynote Speaker
9:30 a.m.	Exhibits open
9:30 a.m.	Interest Sessions, Seminars, Tours
10:45 a.m.	Interest Sessions
12:30 p.m.	Seminars continued, Workshops, Interest Sessions, Tours
3:30 p.m.	Open Hearings for Council of Delegates Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Closing Banquet—Keynote Speaker

Saturday, Feb. 24

8:00 a.m.	Council of Delegates Meeting
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Interest Sessions (Approx. 1 Hour)

- Flexible Programs for Special Needs Campers
- Spiritual Emphasis at Camp
- How Children Learn
- Family Centered Camping
- Cross Age Camping (youth-"grandparent")
- Environmental Education Program
- Effective Involvement of Volunteers
- Assessing Camp Program Effectiveness
- Building Interpersonal Skills
- Earth Covered Camp Buildings
- Self Esteem
- Values Clarification
- Readiness for Program Change
- Day Camp Issues
- Research Reporting Sessions (papers from various sources)
- Meeting the Needs of Inner City Campers

Tours

- The New Minnesota Zoological Gardens
- Nature Centers
- Winterized Camps
- Arts and/or Science Centers

Seminars (Approx. 6 Hours)

- Preservation of Lands—Whose Decision?
- Special Needs Campers—High Risk (asthmatics, physically disabled, diabetics, etc.)
- Dealing with Discipline
- Peer Counselor Training
- Environmental Education Programs
- The First/Second Year Camp Director
- Grantsmanship
- Self Esteem
- Site and Facility Management (ACA CCD Managerial)
- Creative Thinking
- Business Management (ACA CCD Managerial)

Workshops (Approx. 3 Hours)

- Boards and Committees
 - Recruiting
 - Orientation
 - Role/Functions
 - Purposes/Objectives
 - Volunteerism

- Communications
 - Community Relations
 - Public Relations
 - Parent(s)
 - Camper
 - Staff

- Staff
 - Recruitment
 - Training
 - Supervision
 - Policies
 - Records

- Director
 - Maintaining a personal identity
 - Professional growth
 - Keeping the camp job in perspective
 - Humanizing camp relationships

- Personal
 - Time Management
 - Continuing Education
 - Skills
 - Values
 - Security
 - Professional Development

- Environment
 - As A Model
 - Regulatory
 - Education
 - Public and Private
 - Social and Physical

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for there is great, great confusion in camping today, on the operational level re the relationship of purpose and how the camp is staffed and how it operates.

If you think that camp is a significant and valuable experience -- a summer vacation plus other important factors -- it stands to reason that you must have the right campers, the right staff and the right programme for the purpose.

If you do not screen the youngster intake, group them by plan and programme for the purpose, I can only conclude that you are fooling yourself in thinking that you are clear and comfortable about your purpose. If you employ callow young staff and give them a once over lightly pre camp session, I must conclude also that you do not mean your purpose. For your value should be what you care about, really want, set store by and will strive for. For example, the climate of a camp means more than the hot sun -- cabin groups should be developed in which:

- a) a playful, fun-loving, zestful spirit is characteristic;
- b) co-operation, friendliness and getting along with others are practised;
- c) the basic needs of campers for personal worth and achievement, belonging and status are recognized and met;
- d) wherein responsibility and self-governing provide practice and growth in self-reliance and responsibility;
- e) reasonableness, open mindedness and inter-personal competence characterize the way discussions are carried on and decisions made.

The central factor in such an educational process -- the PLUS most camps state that they seek -- where personal growth, social, moral and religious development is sought, lies in the interaction between persons in the situation.

This leaves it up to you to determine who these persons are, who leads them, and the situations in which these objectives can be reached.

A.H. Maslow poses for us a hierarchy of need to be met in any situation in order to achieve any of your objectives.

PLUS:

1. Survival -- good food -- enough water, safety and health precautions -- freedom from hurt.
2. Safety needs -- these are basic security items --- freedom from fear, anxiety and worry.
3. Love, Acceptance and Approval -- this is a critical area.
4. Esteem needs -- favorable reaction from others; self-respect -- self-image - self-adequacy.
5. Self-realization needs -- to become one's best self -- to realize one's capabilities.

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One cannot be helped in one until there is a minimum satisfaction in the others.

Now we can begin to see that if we have certain kinds of facilities and staff, the level of needs evidenced in a camper may clearly indicate that we have no business accepting him, or that he needs special attention.

We can see that intake can also help us in grouping, so as best to develop our objectives.

We can see the need for staff selection and training -- and I stress this-- really thought-out programme.

Mind you, I have no quarrel with a camp wherein the major purpose is fun. I do object to slap-happy fun, and I do object to fun for staff or director with no regard for the camper's level of fun; and I do object to fun that teaches evil values and that is destructive.

Whatever your purpose -- pure fun and/or sunshine and good food -- we know that it cannot be achieved without understanding. This requires, in my opinion, an awareness of the developmental levels of children with which we work. No one can have much fun, or gain any plus value if the experiences to which he is being exposed are inappropriate to the age level.

It is well to not hear that liking children is not enough. One needs both the educated heart and the educated mind. The counsellor needs to be able to think as well as feel; to know as well as to like.

Some years ago Bettelheim wrote -- Love is Not Enough. Love them and limit them. A child who is not limited is a deprived child, a frustrated child, a rejected child and hence an unhappy child.

Recent studies indicate that groups must have goals -- toward which they work-- groups and individuals without tasks are likely not to develop personalities or to grow. This has led some youth workers today to suggest that all groups with which we work must have some definite purpose towards which they work.

One of the key factors, which I think we neglect, is that of programme.

Many camps engage a dietitian -- why? Because a trained dietitian knows which foods in what combinations produce a balanced diet for bone building, muscle building, energy etc. Then they hire a programme director. His or her skill in devising a programme menu should be as precise as the dietitian's. You would be appalled if your

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which they are planning to "put to music". They are working on the National Directory and MURRAY WICKWIRE, PAUL POTTER AND NORMA LLOYD, among others, are busy planning the C.C.A. Annual Meeting and Conference in May. The Camping Movement is really booming in Nova Scotia.

The next day was Hallowe'en and I spent it in Moncton with SANDY AND BOB CAMERON. It was really fun, although it got to be embarrassing when people kept asking BOB to take off his Hallowe'en mask when he wasn't even wearing one. It was interesting to discover from BOB CAMERON and BILL REEVES that the N.B.C.A. and the N.B. Hostelling Association plan to collaborate on establishing a joint office to give them a solid base from which to carry on the two programs. Great!.

It was on to Montreal to be met by ROSAIRE CORBIN who took me for a brief visit with old friends, TONY SHORGAN and YVES BEAUREGARD at the Society for Grippled Children and then to lunch with BOB MAISONNEUVE, RAYMOND HADE and LUCILLE CARDINAL. Magnifique!

The afternoon was spent participating on a panel concerning staff recruitment, training and supervision with BARB PATTERSON, RON BRAVERMAN and BOB LAZANIK organized by KEN WILLIS. HERB FINKELBERG and the English Section of Q.C.A. BOB MAISONNEUVE chaired a superb dinner meeting of A.C.Q.- Q.C.A. en deux langues at which JOHN LATIMER and I received beautiful woodcarvings done by RENE ROUSSEAU. Tres beau ! Past-President ZAVE ETTINGER drove me to the LAZANIK'S where I had a wonderful visit with LEE, BOB and their two boys, an overnight stay and BOB'S chauffeuring to the airport early the next morning.

Ottawa was the next stop. All day meetings with CAL STOTYN and LOUIS RACINE of the Immigration Department, then with KARL BENNE our illustrious and supportive Consultant with Fitness and Amateur Sport. The last day of my Eastern swing was spent with MARY ROY in the C.C.A. Office, as I recounted the great feeling I have for the superb camping and wonderful people of Eastern Canada, HORACE GREELY, notwithstanding, whenever anyone says to me "Go east - old man", I won't tarry a moment, but will be on my way to another memorable learning experience among the folks who have given themselves to the development of Camping in Canada.



A Knowledge of Nature

We are grateful to the Royal Bank of Canada for supplying us with enough copies of their Monthly Letter Vol. 59 No 7. July 1978 to be sent out with each copy of this newsletter. We hope you find "A Knowledge of Nature" interesting and thought provoking.

Winter Leadership School

At last the Winter Woodsmanship Pilot School that has been planned for so long is about to become a reality. It will be held at Camp Kandalore, near Minden, Ontario from Wednesday evening, February 7 until Monday evening February 12, 1979.

The course will provide practical experience in winter trail skills, winter non-mechanized travel, winter ecology, and winter safety; including winter cooking, clothing, skiing, snowshoeing, snowstudies, winter wildlife and winter first aid. The underlying theme will be the principle of living in harmony with the environment and communicating this sensitivity to others.

Candidates are limited to 20 from across Canada, and each Provincial Association has been allowed a certain number of places. Travel, accommodation and meals will be covered by a grant from the Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch, of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

If interested in attending the school, please check with your Provincial Association.



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dietitian served constant large helpings of sweets and starches because "that's what the children like" -- or served spicy delicatessen nightly even though many campers awoke with cramps and bad dreams.

To the extent that one understands the characteristics of activity can one select programme for the purpose or for reaching your objectives.

The task is one of selecting activities with maximum impact in the desired direction. Even if you can't do that, at least you can avoid programme that is harmful. It strikes me that often the institutions that are most interested in the spirit pay far more attention to the bodily needs than to the spiritual ones in the way they run their camps.

To have a happy camper there must be a happy camp. A happy camp is based upon three major factors:

1. Common agreement with the goals.
2. Conviction that the leadership will help us reach our goals.
3. Agreement that the methods being used will get us to where we want to go.

This is the essence of morale.

This is the text of an address made by Alan F. Klein, Professor of Social Group Work, University of Pittsburgh, to a C.C.A. Conference in Montreal in 1960.

We believe it is as relevant today as it was when it was presented, nearly twenty years ago.

Maintenance

WINTERTIME TIPS

Natural gas tanks should be filled up now. This could save quite a bit if the price goes up as it usually does.

Don't forget to leave piano tops open. It helps let the dampness out and deters deterioration of the inner workings.

Eavestroughs should be cleaned of leaves to prevent ice damage and rust.

Frig doors should be left open to prevent mildew.

Light Watch - this is a good time to give some thought to whether you really need as powerful bulbs in the lodge, cabin and other buildings. Just a few changes (using 60 watt bulbs rather than 100s can save you money.

musician wanted

A small, traditional, private boys' camp in Ontario needs a musician for the summer of 1979.

Position involves organizing singsongs and accompanying on the piano, planning "skit" nights, setting up Sunday evening "musicales", as well as contributing musically in other ways which would suit the person's talents.

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